

# 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Federal Emergency Management Agency National Advisory Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

## 2. Fiscal Year

2019

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Federal Emergency Management Agency National Advisory  
Council

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

31901

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

04/23/2019

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

04/23/2021

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 109-295 sec 508

## 13. Effective Date

10/03/2006

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this  
FiscalYear

## 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

|                                                       | Current FY | Next FY |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members         | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members             | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff               | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants      | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members    | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members        | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff          | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| 18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18d. Total</b>                                                     | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.00   | 0.00   |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The FEMA National Advisory Council advises the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management to ensure input from and coordination with State, local and tribal governments, and the non-profit and private sector on the development and revision of plans and strategies, the administration of and assessment of FEMA's grant programs, and the development and evaluation of risk assessment methodologies.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The members of the committee shall, to the extent practicable, be geographically diverse and represent a substantive cross-section of officials, emergency managers, and emergency response providers from State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The committee meets in-person semi-annually and via teleconference as needed. Members provide regular feedback on the timing and frequency of the committee meetings.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Section 508 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, P.L. 107-296, as amended by section 611 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, as set forth in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007, P.L. 109-295, requires the establishment of a National Advisory Committee to advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on all aspects of emergency management.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

The statutory requirement for this Committee can be found in Public Law 109-295. There is no termination date specified.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Jasper V. Cooke DFO

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> | <b>Occupation</b>                                                                                           | <b>Member Designation</b>                |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Abadie, Jeanne           | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Compliance Specialist, Advocacy Center                                                                      | Representative Member                    |
| Almon, Gabriele          | 09/01/2016   | 09/01/2019 | Independent Consultant                                                                                      | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Bell, Sue Anne           | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Clinical Associate Professor, University of Michigan                                                        | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Bliss, Donald            | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Vice President, Field Operations, National Fire Protection Association                                      | Representative Member                    |
| Boston, Donna            | 09/01/2016   | 09/01/2019 | Director, Emergency Management Division, Orange County Sheriff's Department                                 | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Doak, John               | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Insurance Commissioner, Oklahoma Insurance Department                                                       | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Downing, Paul            | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Indian Township Tribal Council Member; Emergency Manager, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township            | Representative Member                    |
| Geisinger, August        | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Executive Director, Safeguard Iowa Partnership                                                              | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Ginaitt, Peter           | 09/01/2016   | 09/01/2019 | Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Emergency Manager, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority        | Representative Member                    |
| Grathwol, John           | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Deputy Director, New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget                                      | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Hansen, Jeffrey          | 07/30/2014   | 08/31/2020 | Emergency Manager, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma                                                               | Representative Member                    |
| Henry, Eugene            | 09/01/2016   | 09/01/2019 | Hazard Mitigation Manager, Hillsborough County, FL                                                          | Representative Member                    |
| Howell, Chris            | 07/19/2013   | 09/01/2019 | Director of Tribal Relations BNSF Railway Company                                                           | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Jones, Lisa              | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Director, City of Phoenix Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management                              | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Kailes, June             | 06/15/2010   | 09/01/2019 | Associate Director, Harris Center Disability and Health Policy at the Western University of Health Sciences | Representative Member                    |
| Kidd, Emily              | 07/19/2013   | 09/01/2019 | Texas Medical Director, Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.                                                     | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Kidd, Wesley             | 07/19/2013   | 09/01/2019 | Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management; Assistant Director, Texas Department of Public Safety        | Representative Member                    |
| Langston, Linda          | 07/19/2013   | 09/01/2019 | Director of Strategic Relations, National Association of Counties                                           | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Long, Linda              | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Fire Battalion Chief, Philadelphia Fire Department                                                          | Representative Member                    |
| McKinney, Suzet          | 07/19/2013   | 09/01/2019 | Executive Director, Illinois Medical District Commission                                                    | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Ofstad, Anna             | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Research Engineer and Founder, Zylent                                                                       | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Salesses, Robert         | 07/19/2013   | 09/01/2019 | Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and DSCA                             | Ex Officio Member                        |
| Stern, Jeff              | 09/01/2016   | 09/01/2019 | State Coordinator, Virginia Division of Emergency Management                                                | Representative Member                    |
| Titze, Tina              | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Director, South Dakota Office of Emergency Management                                                       | Representative Member                    |
| Waskom, James            | 09/01/2017   | 08/31/2020 | Director, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness                       | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 25**

## **Narrative Description**

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emergency management to ensure input from and coordination with State, local and tribal governments, and the non-profit and private sector on the development and revision of plans and strategies, the administration of and assessment of FEMA's grant programs, and the development and evaluation of risk assessment methodologies.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

|                                                   |                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

In FY18, the NAC has provided significant programmatic, policy, and operational recommendations on key aspects of FEMA's Strategic Plan including how to build a culture of preparedness, how to close the insurance gap, and how to enhance coordination with the whole community in planning and response, among other topics. Specifically, recommendations focused on improvements to the Public Assistance program, using a storytelling approach to drive behavior, and better risk communication.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

|                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

Cost savings for recommendations made in FY18 have not yet been realized, since

implementation for these recommendations was recent or pending. Have focused on increasing the efficiency of the committee operations (to get more with less) by providing focus to the issue areas and desired outcomes.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

318

#### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

These 318 recommendations are compiled in 46 different recommendation memos and reports. Some individual recommendations should be taken together to address a specific issue.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

60%

#### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Agency provides written feedback on each of the NAC's recommendations. This number is based on the written responses from the Agency, in which FEMA describes what they are doing to implement or not implement each recommendation.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

34%

#### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The Agency provides written feedback on each of the NAC's recommendations. This number is based on the written responses from the Agency, in which FEMA describes what they are doing to implement or not implement each recommendation.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

#### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Agency provides feedback on issues identified in NAC recommendations by notifying the NAC what the current state is and what the path forward is as related to NAC input. Feedback is delivered in writing in formal memos and in conversations at in-person

meetings and phone calls.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Action Comments**

The Agency uses the NAC as a part of its coordination and review of major program initiatives and policy documents.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

[www.fema.gov/national-advisory-council](http://www.fema.gov/national-advisory-council)